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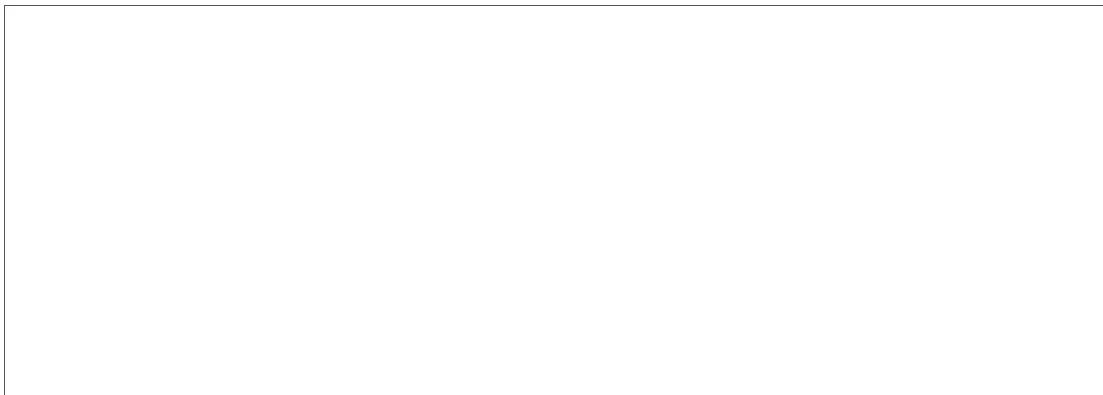
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2. US position concerning UN seating of Chinese Communists--

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The US delegation at the UN reports from New York that several countries have expressed confusion concerning the US position on the seating of Chinese Communists in the UN. The delegation says that despite several reaffirmations of the US position that each government should make its own decision in the light of its own circumstances, certain countries are puzzled by what they regard as an ambiguous position as contrasted with a previous US attitude favoring a vote against the seating of the Chinese Communists. The Egyptian delegate has expressed the view that the US cannot escape its responsibility for leadership and should not leave the smaller countries to make this decision. The US delegation urgently requests instructions concerning the problem.

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